Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A method of providing a pause function for a broadcast program in a multi-client network, the method comprising:

allocating predetermined storage limits in a storage device for a plurality of clients on the network;

displaying a broadcast program to a client;

receiving a pause request from the client;

determining if the client's stored broadcast programming has reached the client's predetermined storage limit;

pausing the display of the broadcast program responsive to a determination that the client's stored broadcast programming has not reached the client's predetermined storage limit;

storing the broadcast program in the storage device while the display of the broadcast program is paused; and

resuming display of the stored broadcast program responsive to a further determination that the client's stored broadcast programming has reached the client's predetermined storage limit.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of: receiving a play request from the client; and displaying the stored broadcast program to the client.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of allocating predetermined storage limits for the plurality of clients includes allocating identical storage limits for the plurality of clients.

- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of allocating predetermined storage limits for the plurality of clients includes allocating different storage limits for some of the plurality of clients.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including the steps of: receiving a rewind request from the client; and permitting the client to rewind through the stored broadcast program if the client's stored broadcast programming has not reached the client's predetermined storage limit.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of displaying the stored broadcast programming includes:

receiving a fast forward request from the client;
fast forwarding through the stored broadcast programming; and
permitting the client to pause the display of the program until the client's
predetermined storage limit is again reached.

7. (Previously Presented) A system for providing a pause function for a broadcast program in a multi-client network, the system comprising:

means for allocating predetermined storage limits in a storage device for a plurality of clients on the network;

means for displaying a broadcast program to a client;

means for receiving a pause request from the client;

means for determining if the client's stored broadcast programming has reached the client's predetermined storage limit;

means for pausing the display of the broadcast program responsive to a determination that the client's stored broadcast programming has not reached the client's predetermined storage limit;

means for storing the broadcast program in the storage device while the display of the broadcast program is paused; and

means for resuming display of the stored broadcast program responsive to a further determination that the client's stored broadcast programming has reached the client's predetermined storage limit.

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8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, further comprising: means for receiving a play request from the client; and means for displaying the stored broadcast program to the client.

- 9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7 wherein means for allocating predetermined storage limits for the plurality of clients includes means for allocating identical storage limits for the plurality of clients.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7 wherein the means for allocating predetermined storage limits for the plurality of clients includes means for allocating different storage limits for some of the plurality of clients.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, further comprising: means for receiving a rewind request from the client; and means for permitting the client to rewind through the stored broadcast program if the client's stored broadcast programming has not reached the client's predetermined storage limit.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the means for displaying the stored broadcast programming includes:

means for receiving a fast forward request from the client;
means for fast forwarding through the stored broadcast programming; and
means for permitting the client to pause the display of the program until the client's
predetermined storage limit is again reached.